

December 17, 2018

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch Secretary Office of the Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 Twelfth Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

Notice of Ex Parte Meetings

Re: <u>Universal Service Contribution Methodology, WC Docket 06-122</u>

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of the Ad Hoc Telecommunications Users Committee ("Ad Hoc"), the undersigned, of Levine, Blaszak, Block & Boothby, LLP, and Susan M. Gately, of SMGately Consulting, LLC, met on December 17, 2018 with Arielle Roth, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Michael O'Rielly.

During this meeting we discussed Universal Service Fund contribution methodology reform, reviewing Ad Hoc's longstanding participation and positions in this proceeding. We also discussed the status of the Joint Board's consideration of the record in this proceeding as well as the various methodology options under consideration, including Ad Hoc's continued support for adoption of a numbers-based system. Finally, we emphasized that the current contribution factor of 20.1% imposes a significant cost on enterprise customers, inappropriately favors specific services and technologies that are not subject to USF assessment, and threatens to undermine the stability of the entire USF program by driving end-users to non-assessed services. All our discussions covered the material in the attached.

Pursuant to the Commission's rules, this letter has been filed in the above referenced docket. If you have any questions regarding this submission, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

Andrew M. Brown

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Counsel, Ad Hoc Telecommunications Users

Committee





Cc: Arielle Roth

Attachment